

FY2003 Human Development Services Fund Guidelines for Service Providers

I. Background

The City Council Human Development Services Fund (HDSF) was originally established in FY2002 which included \$700,000.00. Funds previously budgeted in the Department of Community Initiatives (DCI) for City Council district senior services programs and One-Time Council Projects were consolidated into one category to form the HDSF.

II. Overview

The FY 2003 Adopted Budget continues the HDSF. Each City Council District received \$120,000.00 for FY 2003.

III. Public Purpose

1. All projects and services funded from HDSF must advance a municipal public purpose set forth herein, and be open to members of the public who meet eligibility requirements for the projects or services.
2. A primary objective of City to service providers is to provide funds allowing a supported service provider to leverage additional funding from other sources to accomplish the service provider's objectives consistent with the City Council's budget priorities.
3. Proposed services should be targeted at a clearly defined population and/or geographic area(s) and should address quantifiable participant outcomes compatible with priorities defined by the City Council.
4. City Council finds that a public purpose of the City is served by the disbursement of HDSF funds for the following expenditures:
 - A. Community recreation expenditures that include: program operations, sports and recreation events and equipment, office equipment, telecommunications and supplies supporting sports/recreation programs, kitchen equipment for the Comprehensive Nutrition Program sites, photo equipment and supplies for sports/recreations programs, vehicles, auto insurance and equipment supporting sports/recreation programs, award ceremonies and recognitions.
 - B. Education and training expenditures that include: educational events, educational equipment and supplies, vehicles and auto insurance supporting educational programs, program operations, scholarships for higher education to non-profit organizations and governmental entities, including promotion of high school completion and drop out prevention strategies for the youth of San Antonio, child care for parents attending training and child care quality improvement initiatives, after school programs, the City's Summer Challenge Program, and sponsoring citizens of San Antonio to attend youth and leadership development conferences as representatives of the City of San Antonio.

- C. Neighborhood revitalization expenditures that include: graffiti abatement and neighborhood cleanup on public property or as part of official City program, and efforts that strengthen neighborhood involvement.
- D. Health and safety expenditures that include: emergency assistance for needy or in times of crisis, public health projects including sewer connection projects that are designated as a significant public health risk by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.
- E. Welfare expenditures that include: expenditures for direct childcare programs meeting the specific criteria set forth for match guidelines in the Childcare Development Block Grant at 45 CFR 98, 99 and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) open and free to the public whereby an agency assists citizens in preparing and filing their income taxes and introduces and connects them to other financial security initiatives.

The municipal public purpose that is served by the award of such expenditures is to: 1) support community recreation to youth, elderly, low income and disabled persons, 2) provide education and training for the community 3) provide neighborhood revitalization for the community 4) promote the professional needs of the City, 5) prepare the workforce for productive employment 6) prevent homelessness 7) promote family, social and economic stability or 8) promote the health, safety and welfare of the community.

IV. Project Selection Coordinating Actions

- 1. Awards to service providers and organizations will be coordinated and monitored by DCI with assistance provided by the Office of Management & Budget and the City Attorney's Office.
- 2. DCI will collect and maintain receipts and invoices for funds utilized for a one-time event or purchase. For on-going operating expenses, DCI will utilize the Delegate Agency monitoring process whereby service providers will be required to submit a statement of work and budget with DCI approval of these. DCI performs program or fiscal monitoring of all Delegate Agencies on a monthly basis.
- 3. Persons making requests of HDSF should complete a *City of San Antonio Request for Human Development Services Funds Form* (available for download on the City's website at www.sanantonio.gov/rfp) and submit this form to their Council District Office.

V. Limitations

- 1. HDSF should be used to support a one-time program or service.
- 2. It is requested that Council Members make each allocation larger than \$500.00 due to the cost to the City of initiating a contractual relationship.
- 3. When a service provider requests funds to purchase equipment, the allocation shall cover the entire cost of the equipment.

4. When feasible, Council Members are encouraged to invest in services that have been competitively procured by the Department of Community Initiatives in its annual Delegate Agency Request for Proposal process.
5. If a Councilperson desires to seek HDSF funding from other Council Districts, for a particular project, he must submit a six-signature memorandum for the matter to be placed on the City Council Agenda for consideration, and approval, whether or not the expenditure is collectively less than \$25,000.00.
6. Exceptions – HDSF may not be used for the following:
 - *Any sectarian or religious facility or activity*
 - *Services which are primarily commercial.*
 - *Programs devoted primarily to the political advocacy of special causes.*
 - *Permanent improvements to any non-city owned structure or property.*
 - *Expenditures for the primary benefit of an individual.*
 - *Services and/or product must not be subject to any proprietary interest.*
7. When disbursements are made to non-City of San Antonio departments and organizations, they should be made to a legal organization and not to an individual.
8. A Government entity may only request HDSF for projects for which it is not responsible to carry out under its own charter or mandates. HDSF should not be provided to other governmental entities for carrying out their functions except for joint projects where City programs are also involved. (Example: HDSF cannot be expended to purchase materials directly for a school district for student instruction during normal school hours).

VI. Eligibility

The following eligibility criteria are applicable to all service providers that receive funding support from the HDSF:

The service provider must be a provider of services that principally address community needs of the people of the City of San Antonio.

Types of Entities

- A. Non-Profit Organizations must show proof of having filed as a not-for-profit corporation (tax exempt status as determined by the IRS under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) or be an affiliate of a corporation having a not-for-profit charter elsewhere in Texas or in the United States. Additionally, the service provider must show proof of exemption from franchise taxes by the State Comptroller.
- B. Faith Based Organizations are any organizations that are religiously oriented, regardless of whether or not religious activities are their primary function. This can include houses of worship, congregations, private schools, hospitals, thrift stores, or any other organization whose mission is based on religious principles. All services, programs and events funded by HDSF and provided by faith-based organizations must be open to and used by the public.

- C. Neighborhood Association or other legally formed organization with its purpose defined as serving the community. The City may not contract with individuals for HDSF.
- D. Governmental Entity means a municipality, county, school district, or other political subdivision of the State of Texas.